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THE NATIONAL ERA is an Anti-Slavery, Political, and Literary Newspaper.

A brief summary of the principles and measures we are prepared at all proper times to sustain, will serve to show its character and course of the Era.

We hold—

That Slavery is repugnant to Natural Right, the Law of Christianity, the Spirit of the Age, and the essential nature of our Republican Institution—

That Emancipation, without compulsory expatriation, is a high duty, demanded alike by Justice and Expediency.

That there is but one safe and effectual mode of abolishing Slavery, and that is by Law, to be enacted by the States in which it exists:

That Slavery can have no lawful being in Territory and the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States:

That Congress is bound to exclude it from all Territory now belonging or that may hereafter belong to the United States:

That the American Union, as the bond of Peace, the organ of one Language and one Civilization, the medium of Free Trade, among the numerous States and Territories stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores of this Continent, as the Refuge of suffering millions from the Old World, as a Safeguard against its Ambition and Intrigue, is of price

less vain the Cause of Human Progress; and to exert
enough Intelligence and virtue in its members to extir-
pate the evil, the single cause that disturbs the harmonious
nature its energy, Alms to the poor, and makes the
bility:

That the Federal Constitution ~~be~~ be amended so
place the election of a President, Vice President and
people, and to make the President and Vice President
making him therefore ineligible; and to be still further
amended so as to give to the People of the several States the
election of their United States Senators, changing the term
of office of the Senators from six to four years.

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power of removal for just and sufficient cause lodged in the
People.

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privilege of the Post Office should be instituted for the
purpose of securing free exchange with the United States
limits, between the newspapers of Europe and the United
States; and a relation to the lowest point possible in the
postage on letters passing between foreign countries and our
own:

That the public lands shall be held as a trust for the bene-
fit of the People of the United States, to be donated in full

That restrictions on commerce among the several States

That Congress ought to be removed from its present position, and improvements demanded by the interests of commerce, and the rights of foreign nations, or among the States, provided they be no more than purely local in their benefits, and not proper subjects for Federal legislation.

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